

Remarks


In the Office Action mailed March 25, 2009, a restriction requirement was imposed. In particular, the Office Action states that three distinct inventions are included in the present patent application, namely, claims 1-21 (Group I), claims 22-26 (Group II), and claims 27-31 (Group III). Applicants hereby elect that the invention set forth in Group I be examined, which is encompassed by claims 1-21.

In view of the election of Group I (claims 1-21), claims 22-31 have been cancelled from the present application without prejudice or disclaimer since they relate to non-elected Groups II and III. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation or divisional application directed to the subject matter of cancelled claims 22-31.

In addition, claim 4 has been amended to include a period at the end of the claim.

Should the Examiner feel that any unresolved issues remain in this case, the undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number listed below to arrange for an issue resolving conference. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may have been overlooked to Deposit Account No. 50-4635.

Respectfully submitted,



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